

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/645,595	TAKEMOTO ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	VINH P. NGUYEN	2829

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) VINH P. NGUYEN

(3) Ms. Ito & Mr. Maekawa

(2) Mr Lesmes & Ms. Emas

(4) Mr. Kuratani & Mr. Yamaguchi

Date of Interview: 05/25/06

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 9 and 10.

Identification of prior art discussed: Makekawa et al (Pat # 6,646,455) and Verkuil (Pat # 5,500,607).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr Lesmes & Ms Emas and Examiner discussed about the radius curvature of the tip and its surface roughness in claims 9 and 10. According to Mr. Lesmes, the present art of record in the instant application does not disclose a combination of radius curvature and the surface roughness as recited in claims 9 and 10. Examiner agrees with Mr. Lesmes about this issue. Search will be updated.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


VINH NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER
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05/25/06
Examiner's signature, if required